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An Evening Echo.

The greatest ornament of an illustrious life is modesty and humility, which go a great way in the character even of the most exalted princes.—Napoleon I.

The French Trouble.

The French trouble is so far across the water that it is not much understood in this country, and especially not very keenly appreciated in the United States on account of unfamiliarity with the subject of state and church combined. At an early date, in fact, in the very beginning of the settlement of America by white people the principle was promulgated that state and church should be kept apart. That principle has been successfully and agreeably observed ever since and today no one even thinks about such a union. The constitution of the United States itself may not provide for separation of church and state directly, but it certainly indirectly recognizes that principle.

However, in countries where they are in union the situation is far different from that in this country and the gravity of movements to separate them is far greater than the average American imagines. That there will be suffering on the part of the church its clergy and laity, if the harsh measures announced by the French government are employed will not be gained. Indeed, there will be no end of the suffering mentally and physically and bloodshed and carnage impend. Revolution threatens the Republic!

An exchange says on the subject: "The war between the Roman Catholic church and the French government has begun. Yesterday 26,000 churches, which have been the religious homes of countless millions of worshippers, were declared the property of the state; and the church awaits eviction. During the entire controversy the attitude of both the Vatican and the French movements has been unyielding, and it is hard to see how their present claims can be reconciled.

"In a country which is fortunately free from entanglements of church and state, we can hardly realize the gravity of the issue in France, or pass upon the abstract question of right and wrong. The forcible confiscation of enormously valuable property and its use by the state for secular purposes, will work hardships upon thousands of good men and women. The most tender feelings of devout worshippers will be outraged. Yet, on the other hand, the opposition of the church was of such nature that French Republicans believed that the state itself was in danger.

"How much happier is the land whose religion rests upon the voluntary support of its believers, and is under no obligation to a secular or hostile power?"

The Telegram doubts seriously whether it will be well or wise for the government to confiscate the church property or to attempt to make exactions from the clergy and laity, such as it has been announced the government will do.

If there is to be an actual separation of church and state, there should be a reasonable and fair adjustment of all matters arising from that separation.

Ogden's Annual Report.

The Charleston News tells the Fairmont West Virginian that the latter paper no longer stands in a class by itself as the News has received a copy of the annual report of State Treasurer Ogden—the same report which the Fairmont paper received and published an account of about a week ago. The News at that time congratulated the West Virginian and overhauled it with praise for having scooped the other papers of the state as well as the News. This was a broad hint for the department of the state govern-

ment which has charge of the distribution of the official documents to ponder upon, but it took several days to properly absorb it.

The Telegram has not yet received its copy of this annual report and without any hinting it takes this occasion to vehemently protest against this indiscriminate distribution of public state documents. There must be something out of kilter in the bog house on the Kanawha and we trust that the trouble whatever it is shall be properly remedied. A document of the nature of the annual report of the state treasurer is for the public and the newspapers of the state should be furnished with copies of them in order to give it to the public. And, when the year furnished they should be distributed simultaneously and not over a period of several weeks, thus giving preference to one or two newspapers.

A news item that is worth space in a newspaper one day is as a general thing absolutely worthless the next and particularly so if another newspaper has the item. The result of giving out these state documents piecemeal to one or two papers at a time is that those two papers will publish the news the document contains and the others will not and so a great majority of the citizens are deprived of the news of their state government which they pay for and ought to have.

M. C. Lough, editor of the Fairmont West Virginian, has been appointed a regent of the state normal schools, and Lamar C. Powell, former editor of the West Virginian, has been appointed a director of the State penitentiary board, and he has also received another appointment as a delegate to the Interstate meeting of representatives from the Ohio valley and border states of the National Child Labor Committee to be held in Cincinnati this week. These appointments are good ones if they are thrown in one direction. It is hoped that the governor will not fail to remember that there are other newspaper men in the state who have worked long, hard and faithfully for the success of the Republican party in the state and who possess eminent ability to hold such office as these abilities may best be suited for which may require appointments in the future.

The brutal spectacle of a number of men subjecting themselves to the awful strain of riding six days in a bicycle race in Madison Square Garden, New York, calls to mind the Roman amphitheatres during the reign of the tyrants. How any one can get any satisfaction out of seeing a number of men undergoing such physical torture as these races cause is difficult to conceive. The tyrant king of money, however, is holding sway and the plutocrats must be amused. Records could be broken, victories won, bets decided and the people as well entertained if the races were run three days at the most and thus could be avoided the terrible physical endurance the contestants are made to undergo.

The American Sugar Refining Company and the Brooklyn Cooperage Company have just been fined one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for accepting rebates on shipments of sugar in violation of the Elkins anti-rebating act. They both

plead guilty. Maybe this will not have some effect in breaking up rebating? At any rate it shows what the Elkins law can do when the courts enforce it. The law too is to the credit of Mr. Elkins and dispels the notion that he is a friend of the trusts.

The old sarcastic saying "they will be taxing the very air we breathe next," seems to have been actually realized if the newspaper stories about Boss Ruef, of San Francisco, who was paid concession prices for the privilege of flying advertising kites over that city. Stories of graft and grafting are so emanating in such plentiful supply from the quake stricken city of late that it is up to Mayor Schmitz and Boss Ruef to do a lot of explaining.

Although the Hon. W. P. Hubbard does not take his seat in Congress until the next session, there is much talk at Washington to the effect that Speaker Cannon will give him fine committee assignments. That is the sort of man to send to Congress and this district as well as the state and nation are to be congratulated upon Mr. Hubbard's election. He will make a record that will attract the admiration of all men.

The Fairmont Times and Fairmont West Virginian should call off their squabble about the Fairmont & Clarksburg Traction Company and devote the space used for the purpose to boosting the trolley. Another line for public traffic from Fairmont to Clarksburg means a whole lot for Fairmont and naturally when Fairmont is benefited it follows that its papers are benefited also.

The Clarksburg Telegram grows handsomer every day.—Parkersburg State Journal.

For which expression, coming from a man who is an authority upon such matters, the Telegram blushing returns thanks. It may not be out of place to remark that Uncle Presley Morris's writings are becoming more concinnous each succeeding day.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Messages to Old Kris Kingle From Little Children of Clarksburg and Vicinity.

Santa Claus,
Great Dark Forest,
Wolf Summit.

Dear Santa—I am a little boy about fifty years old and as Christmas is near I am writing to tell you what I want.

Please bring me a good red Irish setter dog as the one that I have is about worn out. I have been a good little boy this year so please don't forget me. I live at 250 Carr ave.

Your little friend,
ROBBY WILLISON.
P. S.—Remember I want a good dog.

My Dear Santa Claus:
I will write you a few lines to let you know what I want for Christmas. I want you to bring me a little chair

and a table and a doll and a bed. I want a nice red coat and a pair of shoes, some nuts, oranges and candy. That's all for this time. Goodbye.

From your friend,
IDA WILKINS.
324 Clark street.

Santa Claus, Esq.
Dear Santa:—I am a nice little boy and live at 115 Second street and love to play football, but on Thanksgiving a big boy hurt my foot and I want you to bring me for Christmas a nice little pair of long maimed poneys and wagon, a football, a pair skates, a suit of clothes, a street car pass to Adamston, a pair of red pigs like Sam's and if you can't get the pigs and the ponies down the chimney, you can leave them in the school house yard.

Yours very sincerely,
LITTLE OSCAR MULHERAN.

Dear Sandy Claus:
I am a little boy 4 years old. Please send me a wagon, some candy, nuts, oranges and lots of good things and don't forget my little brudder. Bring him something good.

CLARENCE JOHNSON.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 9 years old. I want Santa to bring me a big doll, a ring, some candy and nuts, if you please.

GOLDIE JOHNSON.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a good little boy. I live on Point Comfort. Please bring me a box of something to smoke, but don't let my grandpa see them. Put them in my coat pocket down stairs. I can go over to Kidd's and smoke them. Bring me 6 pair of pants, gum boots, candy, nuts and a wagon.

HARRY COTTRILL.
Adamston, W. Va.

Dear Kind Santa:
I thought I would write to you and tell what I want for Christmas. I want a magic lantern, a rain coat, and a rain cap, a train and a track, a steam engine, a blackboard on the back of it and a desk on it. I want a air rifle, a story book. I want a pair of kid gloves. This will be all I want for this time, so good bye.

Yours truly,
RALPH CHIDESTER.

Every freight and express brings us Holiday Goods

THE WATTS-LAMBERD COMPANY

Santa Claus will make his headquarters at this store

- Furs for Xmas -

Select your Furs now, get the choice selections, they are going like hot cakes. We are showing a complete line of "Annis" Furs.

Muffs, Scarfs, and Coats. Prices are most reasonable to be found. Quality is the best. Scarfs 1.98 to 50.00. Muffs 3.50 to 50.00. Coats 32.50 to 150.00

Bric-a-Brac, Art Novelty Pieces, Silver Novelties

Handsome assortment and prices that please all. We will place on sale today a line of Silver Novelties—Nail Files, Tooth and Nail Brushes, Button Hooks and Shoe Horns at 35c each that are worth double the price. They should go quickly at the price, 35c; 3 pieces for \$1.00

75c Silver Top Glass Powder Jars 35c

THIS STORE IS FULL

of Most Carefully Selected Moderately Priced Holiday Merchandise

Gifts for every member of the family. Beautiful and useful presents, gifts that will be appreciated by man, woman and child. Prices will agreeably surprise you.

MEXICAN AND JAPANESE HAND DRAWN LINEN, SCARFS, DOILIES, TABLE COVER

Also Battenberg Scrf Doilies, Table Covers in all Lace Designs, as well as Linen Centers. Prices range from 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1 and up to \$5

DAINTY APRONS FOR XMAS GIFTS

Complete line to select from. All sizes, styles and kinds, in small, medium and large, with or without bibs. Beautiful white aprons. Prices range from 25c to \$1.50.

KITCHEN APRONS

In all sizes and styles. Prices range from 25c to 50c.

LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS FOR XMAS GIFTS

We guarantee that we will give you the best values you were ever. So come expecting something extra at the price and you'll be agreeably surprised.

Ladies' all Linen Handkerchiefs at 5c, 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c, 25c. Ladies' all Linen Embroidered Handkerchiefs at 12 1/2c worth 21c, others at 15, 18, 25, on up.

Gentlemen's all Linen Hemstitch'd Handkerchiefs at 12 1/2c, 18c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c.

LADIES' AND GENTS' ALL LINEN INITIAL HDKFS.

Ladies' Linen Initials from 8c, 15c, 25c each. Gents' Linen Initials from 15c, 25c each.

KID GLOVES

New shipments of all kinds. You will find here the largest line of new Kid Gloves in our city. All lengths and best makes. We guarantee all short Kid Gloves. 1.25 Kid Gloves \$1—These are regular 1.25 gloves in Suede and Glace, all colors, also black and white, every pair guaranteed. Price \$1.00. \$2 Kid Gloves \$1.50—P. Centemeri & Co. best \$2 Gloves, also our regular \$2 Gloves; sale price 1.50. P. Centemeri & Co. 16 Button Kid Gloves, they are absolutely the best sold in our city. \$1.50 and \$1.75 English Cap and Mocha Gloves, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2.00, 2.25, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00, 4.50, 5.00, 5.50, 6.00, 6.50, 7.00, 7.50, 8.00, 8.50, 9.00, 9.50, 10.00, 10.50, 11.00, 11.50, 12.00, 12.50, 13.00, 13.50, 14.00, 14.50, 15.00, 15.50, 16.00, 16.50, 17.00, 17.50, 18.00, 18.50, 19.00, 19.50, 20.00, 20.50, 21.00, 21.50, 22.00, 22.50, 23.00, 23.50, 24.00, 24.50, 25.00, 25.50, 26.00, 26.50, 27.00, 27.50, 28.00, 28.50, 29.00, 29.50, 30.00, 30.50, 31.00, 31.50, 32.00, 32.50, 33.00, 33.50, 34.00, 34.50, 35.00, 35.50, 36.00, 36.50, 37.00, 37.50, 38.00, 38.50, 39.00, 39.50, 40.00, 40.50, 41.00, 41.50, 42.00, 42.50, 43.00, 43.50, 44.00, 44.50, 45.00, 45.50, 46.00, 46.50, 47.00, 47.50, 48.00, 48.50, 49.00, 49.50, 50.00, 50.50, 51.00, 51.50, 52.00, 52.50, 53.00, 53.50, 54.00, 54.50, 55.00, 55.50, 56.00, 56.50, 57.00, 57.50, 58.00, 58.50, 59.00, 59.50, 60.00, 60.50, 61.00, 61.50, 62.00, 62.50, 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